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## **FCC Chairman Kevin Martin Statement On Decision Of Commissioner McDowell In AT&T/BellSouth Proceeding**

I appreciate Commissioner McDowell's thoughtful consideration and respect his decision to abstain.

My goal in recent weeks has been to ensure that the Commission acted on the transaction. The Commission is not obligated to reach a particular outcome. However, the Commission is responsible for making a determination in a timely fashion. With Commissioner McDowell having made his decision, I will continue to try to work with my colleagues to bring our consideration of this merger to conclusion.

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